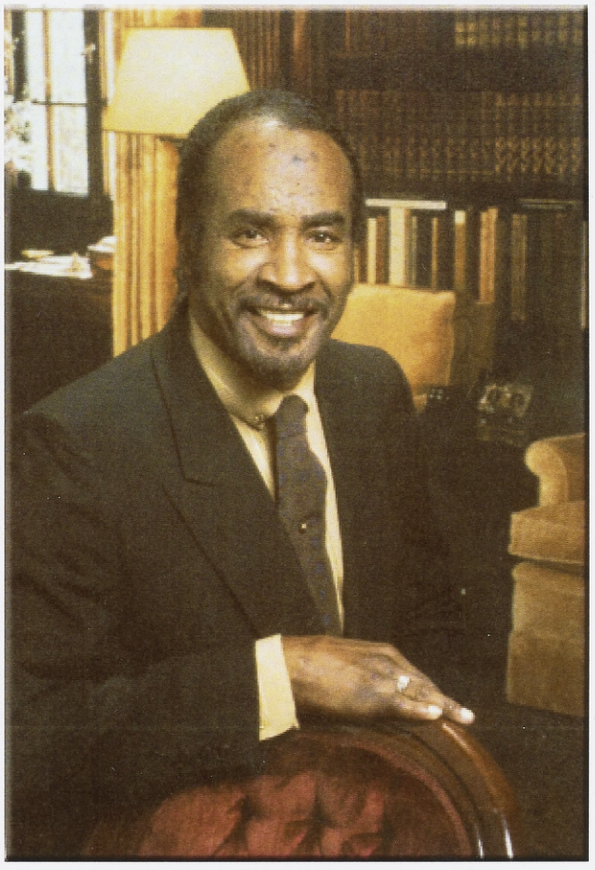
Celebration of the Life
Of

LeRoy Holmes, Sr.

SUNRISE:
May 6, 1936

SUNSET:
April 20, 2006



Service
Thursday, April 27, 2006
11:00 A.M.

Bethel Temple Pentecostal Church
3429 Cutting Boulevard
Richmond, California

Officiating
Dr. Betty R. Hendricks

OBITUARY

ORDER OF SERVICE AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Obituary

May 6, 1936, was Spring Time in Natchitoches, Louisiana. New life was springing forth and the Lord sent a bundle of life and joy to Isiah and Margaret Holmes, a son LeRoy Holmes, Sr. Roy was the first child and oldest son of five children born to Isiah and Margaret Holmes.

Roy had fond memories of his first five years in Natchitoches. He enjoyed spending time with his grandparents, James and Fannie Mae Holmes ("Papa James" and "Momma Fannie"), on their farm. Roy loved to help Papa James with the chores and then consume one of Momma Fannie's delicious meals. By working with his grandfather on his farm, Roy grew up with a passion for working with the soil and for horses.

By 1941, Roy had two brothers, Ike and Alfred, and in the same year the family moved to Winnfield, Louisiana. In 1944, the family decided to leave Louisiana and seek a better life in California. In June of 1944 the Holmes family arrived in Oakland where they resided on Myrtle Street for one month before moving into the Seaport Housing Project in Richmond. The Holmes family lived in Seaport 12 years before moving to Florida Avenue and was one of the last two families to move from Seaport.

Roy attended school in Richmond and was a senior at El Cerrito High School and was on the football and track teams. He also attended Contra Costa College and was trained in automobile body and fender repair.

Roy had a God-given talent as a drummer. He had a band and performed at various clubs in Richmond and Concord. Roy was a well known and recognized talented drummer, and he caught the attention of two entertainers. Roy became the drummer for Ike and Tina Turner when they performed in the area. Roy always had to be busy working, building something, or cooking. As a teenager, he worked as a caddy at the golf course while attending high school and helped to demolish the Seaport Housing Project. As an adult, Roy worked at the F&P Cannery in Richmond and worked seven years as a crane operator for Bethlehem Steel. He upholstered furniture and was a gardener and landscaper. Roy loved horses, he owned a horse and competed in rodeos in California and other states and received several trophies and awards.

In 1985, Roy obeyed the teachings of his parents and the call of the Lord, and he was baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Ghost at Bethel Temple Pentecostal Church. Roy was dedicated and steadfast in his walk with the Lord. He was a strong laborer in the Lord's vineyard. He was in charge of the Noon Day Prayer Service, was Vice President of the Senior Usher board, a deacon, assisted with feeding the homeless at Fourth Street Park in Richmond, and attended Sunday School and Bible Class. When his father, Elder Isiah Holmes, Sr., passed into eternity in 1990, Roy took charge of the Tarrying Service to bring new souls to Christ. Roy was serious about his salvation and life, but he also had a wonderful sense of humor. He remained faithful to his church until his health began to fail.

Roy was divorced, and he was the father of three sons. Roy fought a 37-year battle with diabetes. In spite of his suffering during his battle, Roy never wavered in his faith and he never had a desire to leave the Lord's service. He knew that his daily battle with his illness was a test of his faith and commitment to God.

On April 20, 2006, the Lord decided it was time to reward Roy for being a strong and victorious soldier, and He gave him the keys to his mansion at 11:00 a.m. Roy was preceded in his transition to his eternal home by his parents, Elder Isiah and Sister Margaret Holmes, and two brothers, Ike and Alfred Holmes. Roy's life and memory will be remembered and cherished by his sons, daughter-in-law, and sister-in-law: Roy Gregory Harris, Leroy Holmes, Jr., and his wife, Ladertra, and Aldo Ray Holmes, Sr.; three grandsons: Adrian, Kaylon, and Aldo Ray, Jr.; his sister, Diane Holmes and brother, Grady Holmes and his wife, Angela Proctor Holmes; one half sister: Etta P. Edwards; cousins: Martha Holmes Poole, Johnnie Holmes, Lonnie Holmes, Mary Brown, Esther Burgess, and Edward Holmes, Jr.; his nieces: Angela Holmes, LaTanya Holmes, Shayla Holmes, and Carrington Holmes; his nephews: Victor and Perry Holmes; one aunt: Louella Powell of Winnfield, Louisiana; a goddaughter: Ebony Black; great nieces, cousins, friends, the Bethel Temple Family, and two very special friends, Linda Moore, who was Roy's in-home care provider, and his neighbors, Robert and Gloria Blanson .

Well done good and faithful servant. You kept the faith
and You have received your reward, a mansion
and eternal life. Live on forever in Paradise.

Order Of Service

Processional and Solo ..... *Carol Ford*
"Center of My Joy"

Prayer ..... *Elder Robert Adams*

Scripture
Old and New Testament ..... *Reverend Keith Williams,*
Pastor of Ennis Chapel Church of God in Christ

Solo ..... *Demitrea Foster*

Remarks ..... *Reverend Keith Williams*

Expressions of Love ..... *Deacon Board: Clinton Hendricks, Sr., President*
Usher Board: Artie Flood, President of the Senior Usher Board

Selection ..... *Bethel Temple Inspirational Choir*

Fond Memories ..... *Family, Friends and Ministers*
(Two minutes each)

Acknowledgments and Obituary ..... *Delores Murray*

Solo ..... *Sheila Morris*

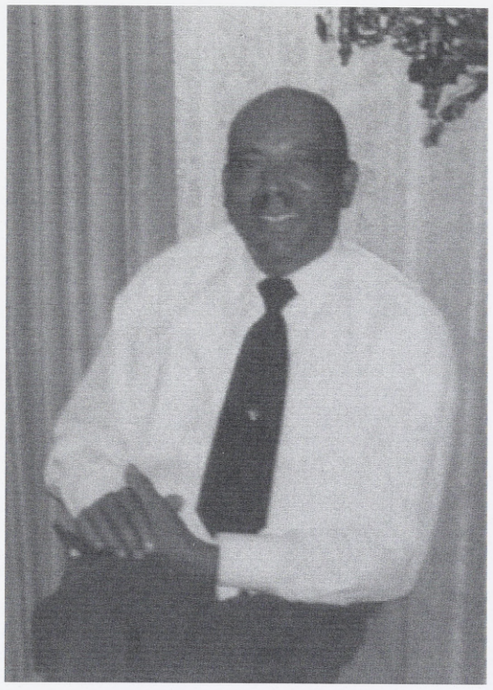
Resolutions ..... *Bethel Temple Church*

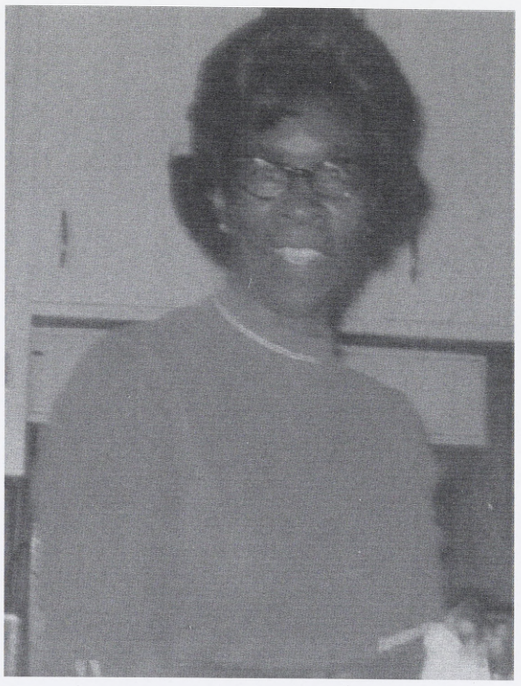
Eulogy ..... *Dr. Betty R. Hendricks*

Parting View ..... *Fuller Funerals*

Recessional .....

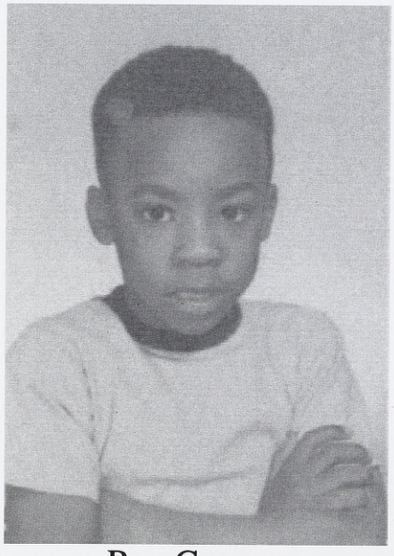
INTERMENT
St. Joseph Cemetery
2560 Church Lane
San Pablo, California



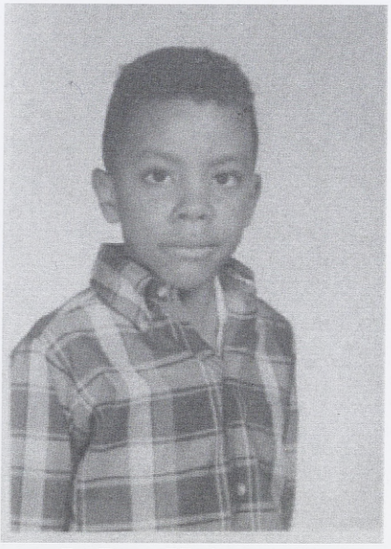


Parents: Isiah Holmes and Margaret Holmes

LeRoy Sr. age 3 or 4



Roy Gregory



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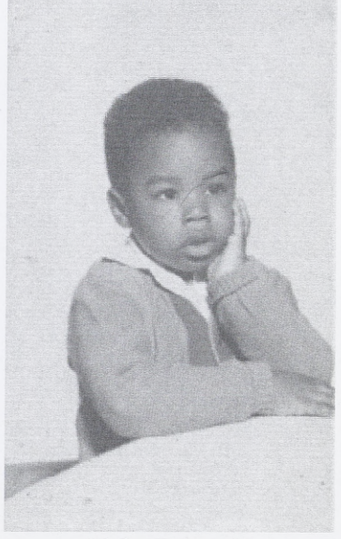
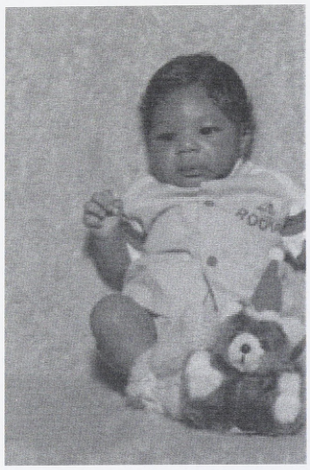


Aldo Ray, Sr.

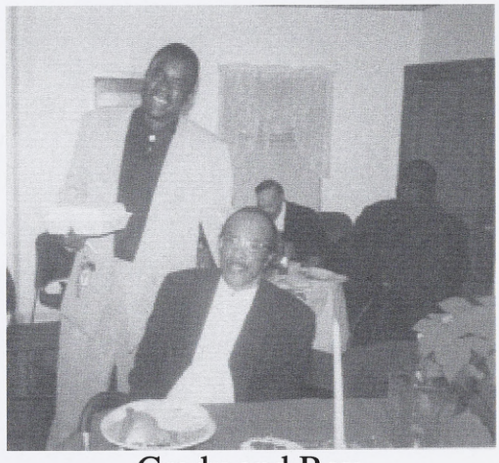


Aldo Ray, Jr.

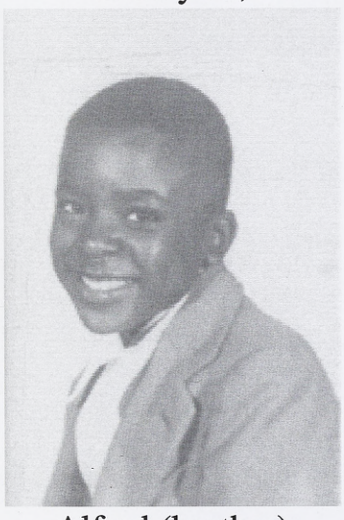
Roy Sr. and grandson, Adrian

Aldo and Phyllis

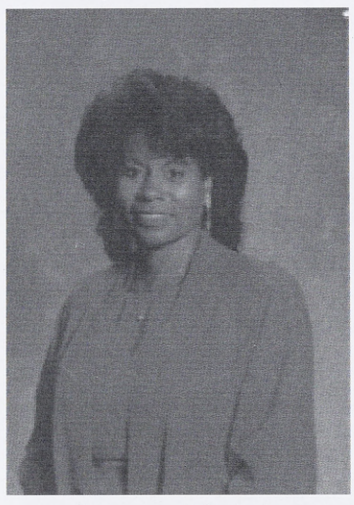
LeRoy Jr., Dee Dee, Adrian and Kaylon



Grady and Roy



Alfred (brother)



Diane (sister)

Roy

Ike (brother)

Roy and his horse

Roy's first car (in Seaport)
1930's Pontiac

Active Pallbearers

Perry Holmes
Walter Green
Jimmie Blanton
LeJon Black
Chester Dancer
Clifford Adkins

Honorary Pallbearers

Johnny Holmes, Sr.
Edward Holmes, Jr.
Lonnie Holmes
Victor Holmes
Johnny Holmes, Jr.

REPAST

Lunch will be served at
Bethel Temple Church

Acknowledgment

We thank everyone for your prayers because we know that prayer will sustain us to accept Roy's departure. We sincerely appreciate your support in making sure all of our needs were met, and we ask that you keep us in your prayers.

God Bless All of You,
The Holmes Family

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